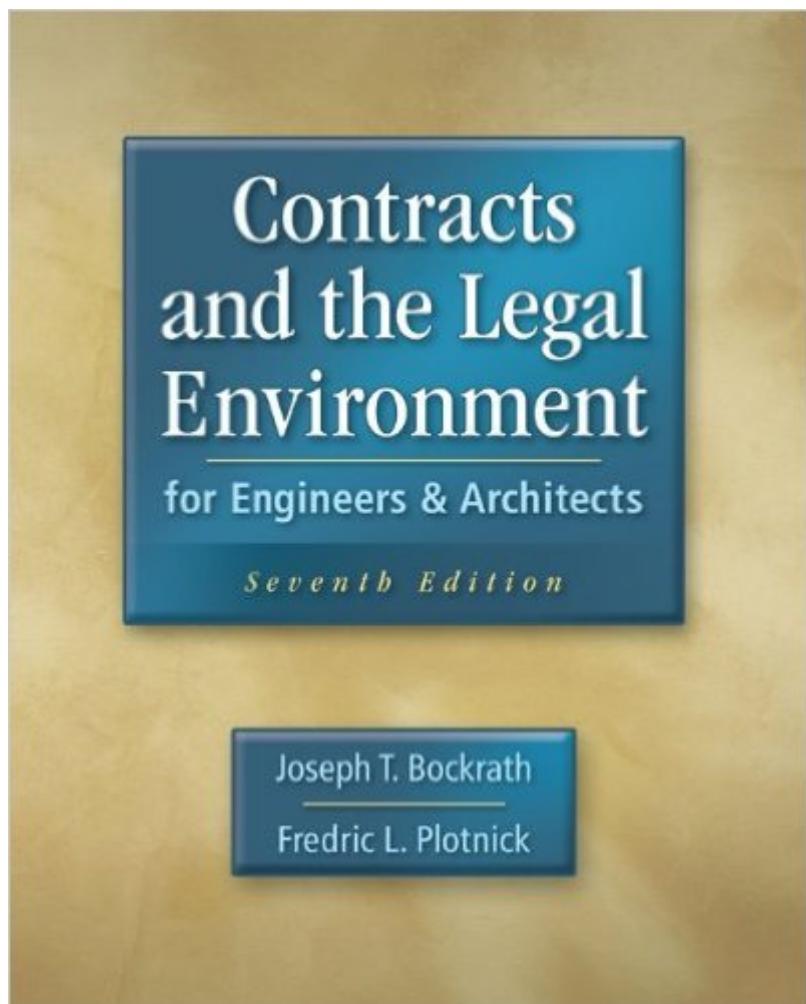


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One of my professors put this on his book list for a project management course because it provides a relatively concise and accessible exposition of introductory contract law. Relatively. If horrible writing and the incessant dull thud of pedantry make you think, "Goldang, these folks is smart," you will find this work impressive. If you have yet to concede that cogency and salience are incompatible with scholarship, you will find this book to be fully half as bad as the average text written by the average team of thundering dumkopfs in mortar boards; thus two stars instead of one.

I completed Contract Law in Law School several years ago, although I am not an attorney. I am approximately 1/2 way through the textbook, presently reading the Law of Torts, which I also completed in Law School. This book is straightforward without a lot of 'boring court study cases' (cases are cited as reference for further study is the reader desire to do so) which makes it easy to read and understand. The issues and decisions are briefly explained, which is to the reader's benefit. Please note that I did find a few typos as I studied the text. It is an excellent book on the Law of Contracts and Torts, and for me is a great refresher course.

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